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Invention: SPACER DEVICE AND INSERTION INSTRUMENT FOR USE IN ANTERIOR CERVICAL FIXATION SURGERY

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.